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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You didn't go down and ride on the Segway, did you?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, the...yes, I do know what it is.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay. Great. So, I mean, that helps me, that...that saves a little bit of time. What it is is the authorization to permit its usage in the state of Nebraska, and would permit state and...and the cities to regulate the use of this device. So if some city says, look, we don't want this to be used in our areas, they can do so. It's basically an authorization of local control. But the problem is, right now, they're...you don't know whether it's a fish or it's a fowl or what it is, so it defines this as a...I'm looking for...it's "electronic personal assistive mobility device." It's...that's just terminology for definitional purposes, that's a uniform one, by the way. If you don't pass LB 976, those things don't clearly fit within any of our current classifications for motor transportation. So how do you...how do you regulate it? Can you do it? It allo...there's just a lot. That's what it does.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's enough. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR COORDSEN: There are no lights on. Senator Kristensen, did you wish to say anything in closing on your motion?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Just briefly, Mr. President. I would appreciate a vote to suspend the rules. I think it's the proper method at this point in time. Again, the amendment was germane to the underlying bill, but at this point in time it is not, and I'd ask for your assistance in this matter. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question before the body is the adoption of the Kristensen motion to suspend the germaneness rule. Those in favor please vote aye; those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 mays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule to permit consideration of the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The germaneness rule is suspended.